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- One part of the Zbrojovka Works¹ is north of Vsetin (P50/053) on the northern outskirts of the village of Jasenska and on the west side of the road leading north from Vsetin. Another department is located 300 to 400 meters farther north-east. The administration building is off the main road in a two-story building of 25 x 60 meters. There are a number of production halls, half-buried in the ground, on the hillside extending to the NNW of the administration building. Another part of the works is located about 300 meters northeast of the village of Jablunka, alongside the road from Pržno to Ruzbka. This part also contains a large number of production halls, hidden among the trees and half-buried in the hillside.

- The Zbrojovka Works produce rifle and sub-machine gun ammunition, hand grenades, shells for 32-mm. cannon, machine gun and sub-machine gun parts, and complete anti-tank guns. The works employ 12,000 people, working in three shifts. Since 1952 a considerable shortage of special metals has caused a cutback in production and employees often work only two or three hours per shift.

- Comment: This plant may possibly be a branch plant of the main armament works in Vsetin. Although the main armament works in Vsetin have previously been referred to as the Vsetin plant of Zbrojovka Brno, both the telephone Directory for 1951-1952 and the Teletype Subscribers' Directory for 1952 list it as the Vsetin plant of Zbrojovka Vsetin.

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